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Timely Tidbits ...

SRB Reps Chosen

During its August 23 meeting, the Romulus City Council unanimously voted to select Cameron Priebe, the former mayor of Taylor, to represent Romulus on a Site Review Board whose task will be to examine Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.'s proposal for a treatment, storage, and disposal facility on Citrin Drive in Romulus.

Priebe was recommended for the post by Mayor William Oakley.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners also has chosen its representative to the Site Review Board: 15th District Commissioner Ed Boike (D-Taylor). Commissioner John Sullivan (D-Romulus), has been designated as the County's alternate.

Zaborowski Returns

Retired Judge Henry Zaborowski made a brief return to the 34th District Court recently in order to continue the court's business while Judges Tina Brooks Green, Brian A. Oakley, and William J. Szlinis attended the 1999 Judicial Conference of District and Municipal Court Judges in Shanty Creek.

At the conference – which the judges are required, by Michigan law, to attend – the trio attended classes to learn more about the new "repeat offender" legislation that targets drivers who repeatedly drive drunk or with a suspended driver's license. Other topics included new sentencing guidelines, courtroom security, and alternatives to incarceration.

Earn Diploma, GED

Romulus/Van Buren Community Education is now accepting registrations for its fall classes. Whether you'd like to earn your high-school diploma, obtain a GED certificate, or become certified in nurse-aide work or in Microsoft Word, Community Ed has a program for you! In most cases, there is no tuition. Call 941-0610 for details. (Note: Be on the lookout for Community Education's fall brochure, which will be mailed to all Romulus and Belleville residents.)

Club's Expansion Provides Additional Sites Featuring a Safe After-school Environment

Federal funds from the Romulus Community Schools' recently acquired 21st-century Community Learning Centers grant have enabled the district to join the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan, Romulus Club, in opening two new Club sites in Romulus.

"These sites will offer students a safe environment where they can study, receive counseling on health and safety issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, and enjoy a variety of traditional recreation activities as well as enrichment programs such as choir, dance, modern band, and Tae Kwon Do," explained Deanna Strong, Program Coordinator for the Learning Centers. "I urge anyone who would like to find out more about the program to attend our new-

member orientation, to be held in Room 100, Romulus Middle School, on Thursday, September 9, at 7 p.m."

The sites will operate weekdays according to the following schedule:

- Wick Elementary School (after school until 6 p.m.),
- Romulus Middle School (after school until 6 p.m.), and
- Merriman Elementary School (after school until 8:30 p.m.).

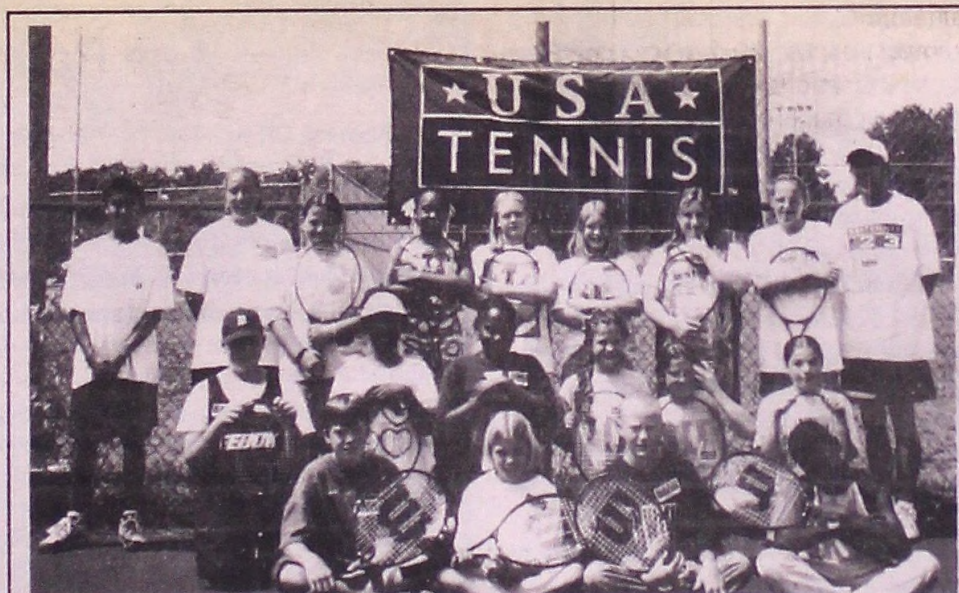
Membership in the Boys & Girls Club is open to all boys and girls ages six to eighteen (grades one through twelve); proof of age is required at the time of registration. Dues are \$25 per year.

To sign up for the orientation, or for more information, call 734-941-5839. □



Deanna Strong is the Program Coordinator for the 21st-century Community Learning Centers.

USTA Grant Funded Summer Tennis Program



Pictured here are a number of the 48 students who participated in a summer tennis clinic taught by Phil Yaccick.

A pilot grant from the United States Tennis Association enabled 48 Romulus students to take part in a tennis camp held at Romulus High School this summer.

Thanks to the grant, participating students paid just \$10 each for nine two-hour lessons, a Wilson tennis racket (which the company made available to the program at a discount price), a tee shirt, and a water bottle.

Students were split into two classes, with grades one through four taking part in the morning session (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.) while grades five through eight

played in the afternoon (1 to 3 p.m.). Classes focused on the fundamentals of tennis: forehand, backhand, overhead, volley, serve, and score.

Instructors for the program were Phil Yaccick of Woodhaven (Halecreek re-teacher and United States Professional Tennis Association certified tennis professional), Mike Adanti of Woodhaven (All-state tennis team member and Varsity tennis player at Eastern Michigan University), and Audrey Shade of Grosse Ile (All-state tennis team member and Varsity tennis player at Cleveland State University). Also assist-

ing were Grosse Ile High School students Don Adams and Mike Kasmeric.

Yaccick, who had also conducted an after-school program at Halecreek Elementary last year, was pleased the students' enthusiasm.

"The student response has been just great," he stated.

Shade, who has done clinics around the country for several years, noted, "Many students have shown a terrific amount of natural ability, and could be outstanding players in the future."

The 48 Romulus students who participated in the summer program were: Maurice Anderson, Cody Barnes, Chyna Bennett, Olivia Boler, Eric Bondie, Chris Bossidis, Erin Brag, Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Doloris Garry, Chelden Gober, Nicole Goodman, Kourtney Hamilton, Erica Hayes, Jeannie Hayes, Antionice Hearst, Dominique Henderson, Nicole Henderson, Sharmae Henderson, Jean-na Jendrite, Courtnee Johnson, Geikia Lee, Geno Lee, Brian Lomas, Ondre Mathews, Davel Mathis, James McGlynn, Kelly McGlynn, Maureen McGlynn, Josh McLaughlin, Kody McLaughlin, Tabien Merrit, Lindsay Mitchell, Leah Moore, Sheree Murphy, Jaron-tae Norman, Cheyenne Oakley, Amanda O'Connor, Alishia Raines, John Raines, Richard Rec, Jamal Sam, Jessica Sears, Derrick Stewart, Daijah Street, Jessica Wallace, Erica Wasson, and Teresa Williams. □

Guest Commentary

Inquiry Resembles Starr Investigation

By State Representative Raymond E. Basham

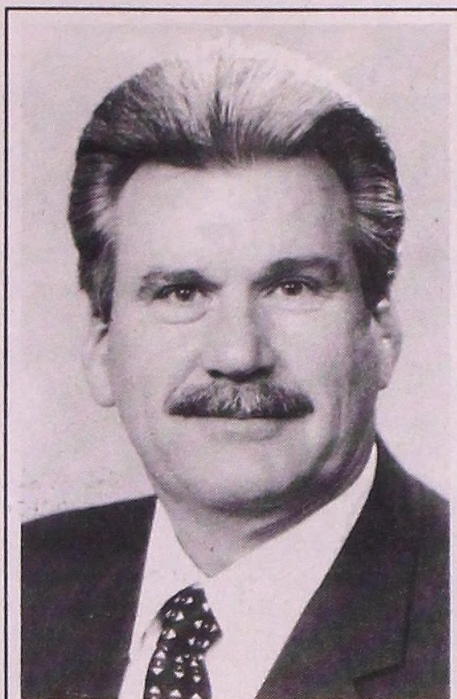
The panel investigating operations at Detroit Metro Airport is out of control.

When House Concurrent Resolution 43 was approved on June 16, 1999, it stated that the Joint Legislative Select Committee on the Wayne County Detroit Metropolitan Airport would look into three areas: congestion, lack of fundamental services, and inadequate response to customers. But an August 19, 1999 memorandum from the co-chairs of the panel to the State Auditor General states that the Joint Committee will now look into every aspect of airport operations, from security to land acquisition. And even though the Committee passed a motion providing for two members of the auditor general's staff to be placed on loan for the acquisition, six have been appointed. I wasn't even consulted. Why are these decisions being made behind closed doors?

Apparently, the Committee has no intention of ever looking into the treatment of passengers by the airlines. What was supposed to be an investigation about the treatment of stranded travelers at Metro Airport during a snowstorm turned into a Ken Starr-style inquisition.

The Joint Legislative Select Committee was created in response to a federal report that was highly critical of Northwest Airlines for the company's actions following a massive January 1999 snowstorm. But it is my sense that a strong dose of partisan politics is behind this Metro Airport investigation, which will cost thousands of dollars to conduct. This seems like a huge waste of taxpayer dollars to me.

Much of what will be investigated is not relevant to the three fundamental issues of HCR 43. The Republican-led Joint Committee has turned a simple probe into a complicated and meaningless witch-hunt. Every dollar that the



Representative Ray Basham

Airport must now spend accommodating this absurd investigation means that there is one less dollar to spend on customer service.

Republicans have suggested that a State-sponsored probe of the Metropolitan Detroit Airport was long overdue. But Airport officials have pointed out that their facility already is audited each year, and that this annual audit is always available for public inspection.

And so I ask: Why, then, do the bloodthirsty leaders of the Joint Committee believe that this investigation is even necessary?

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Teacher Orientation



Among the 41 new teachers who participated in the Romulus Community Schools' annual orientation program for new teachers were (from left) Michele Beebe (social studies, High School), Heather Stanley (language arts, Middle School), and Daryl Simmons (third grade, Halecreek). Michael Woods (right), Vice-president of the Board of Education, also attended.



Dr. Samuel La Monica, Director of Human Resources, discussed the teachers' employment with, among others, (from left) Debra Wilson (dance/drama, High School), Edward Horn (social studies, High School), and Chris Parker (special education, Middle School).



Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent of Schools, and Joel Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, welcomed everyone, including (from left) Marilyn Hidenfelter (school-to-work program, High School), Carrie Smith (art, elementaries), and Jeff Leucht (fifth grade, Halecreek).



(From left) Cathy Navetta (sixth grade, Merriman), Mike Bingamen (fourth grade, Wick), Rhonda McCallister (social worker, High School), and Gerilynn Kline (fifth grade, Barth) were among those who met with Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.



Also in attendance at the orientation were (from left) Deanna Strong ("21st-century program" director, district-wide), Katie Sechrist (speech therapist, Halecreek), and Jessaca Henry (math, Middle School).



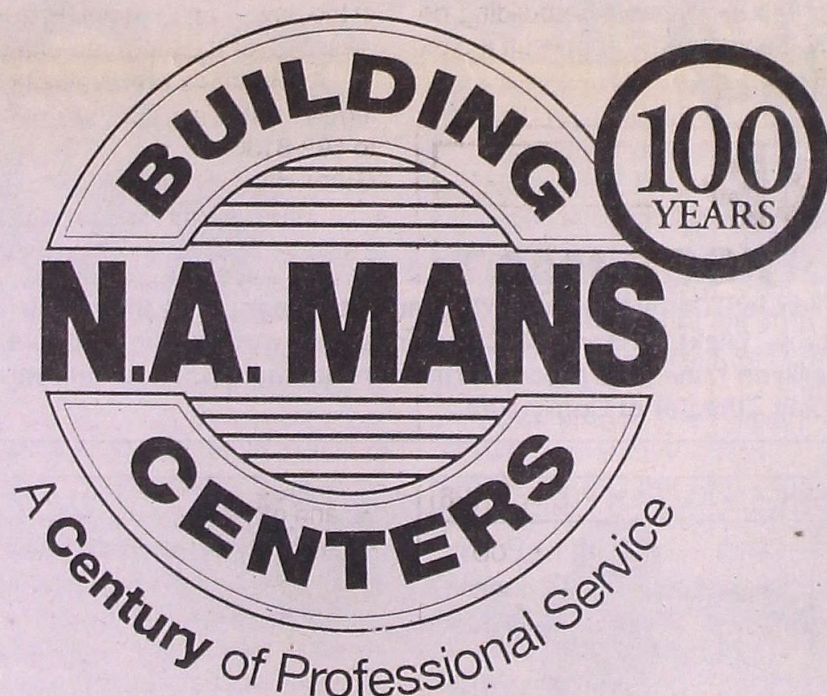
Still other new teachers were (from left, back row) Tony Redmond ("transitions to success" academy, High School) and Kevin Murphy (physical education, Wick); and (front row) Lisabeth Mikolajczyk (social studies, High School) and Molly Schmidt (language arts, High School).

Historical Society Celebrates 20 Years



Among those in attendance at the Romulus Historical Society's 20th anniversary celebration – held on the grounds of Romulus Historic Park on August 18, 1999 – were (from left) Mavis Rocheleau, Pearl Varner, and BertaMae Dezomits. The event featured refreshments, entertainment by the Down Home Duo, and exhibits in the little red schoolhouse/museum.

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Pumpkin Fest Preparations Kick into High Gear

With the third annual City of Romulus Pumpkin Festival just around the corner (September 18-19), Festival Committee members and other volunteers are hard at work, completing preparations. For those of our readers who are planning to participate in the festival's contests, as well as for those who just want a "sneak peak" at all the fun that's in store, we've compiled a brief summary of events. Please note, however, that this is a *tentative* schedule, and will almost certainly be revised to some extent.

An updated, more-detailed calendar will be published in our September 10, 1999 edition. (Note: for contest rules or other information about the events listed below, please call Maria Lambert at 942-7543.)

Canning Contest

All entries for the Festival's canning contest should be brought to the Romulus Recreation building (36515 Bibbins) on Wednesday, September 15, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Pie-baking Contest

Entries of pumpkin, sweet potato, peach, and apple pies *only* should be brought to the Recreation building on Friday, September 17, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Pumpkin- and Sunflower-growing Contests

Entries for the "smallest face," "largest face," "tallest," "best-decorated," and "best carved" pumpkin; and/or for the "smallest face," "largest face," "tallest," "shortest," and "most pitiful" sunflower should be brought to the Recreation building on Friday, September 17, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

"Harvest Bouquet" Contest

Entries of live or dried flora should be brought to the Recreation building on Friday, September 17, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

House-decorating Contest

Houses (decorated according to any autumn theme) will be judged Thursday, September 16, rain or shine. Call the Recreation Department (942-6852) before 5 p.m. Thursday to register.

"Parade of Lights"

Generators are not only allowed, they're encouraged in this new twist on the traditional parade kickoff, set for 9 p.m. on Friday, September 17. Festival organizers are encouraging all participants to be creative when decorating their entries. Lots of lights are the order of the day... err... night. Prizes will be awarded for the top three entries.

Applications are available by calling 941-4462, ext. 250, or sending a fax to 699-8136.

Other Highlights

Other attractions at this year's Pumpkin Festival will include:

- free, live entertainment;
- a Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast;
- a craft display;
- a used-book sale;
- a road rally;
- pumpkin-rolling, hay-rolling, seed-spitting, bubble-blowing, pie-eating, and other contests;
- sack races, shoe piles, "needles" (pennies) in the haystack, etc.
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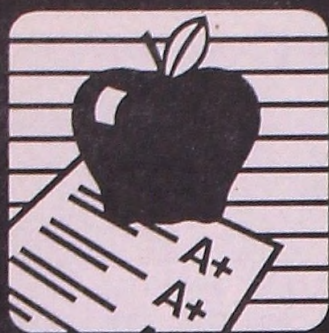
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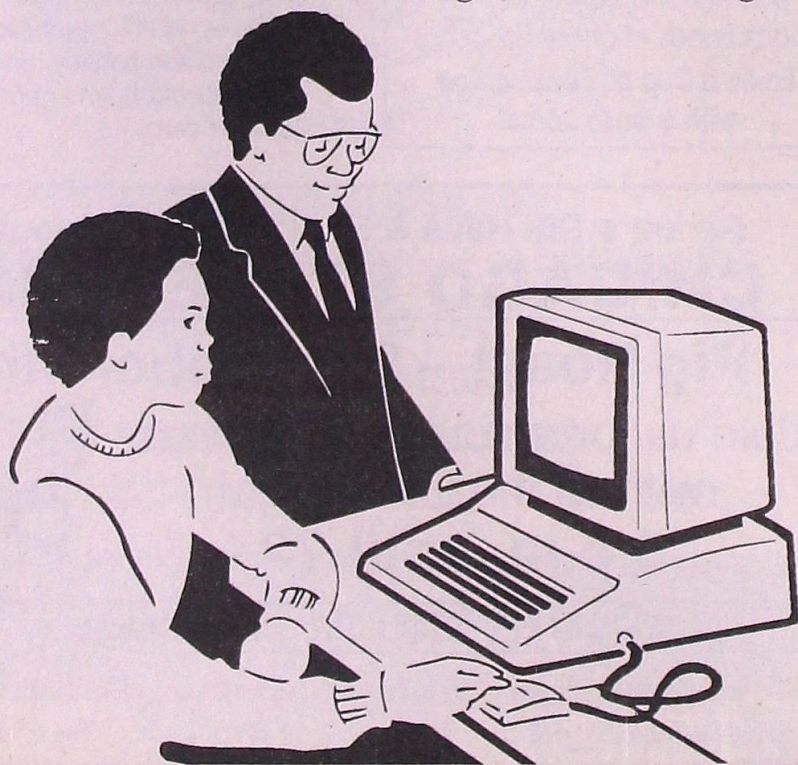
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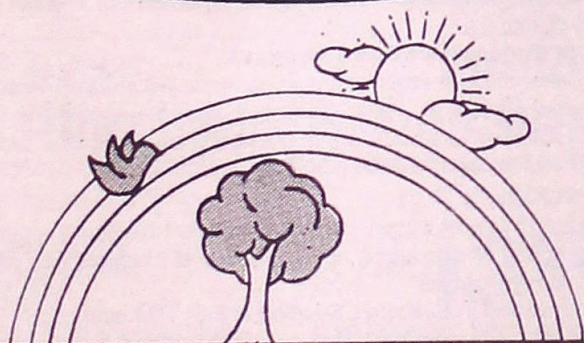
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Community Calendar

- **Blood Drive** – State Representative Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) and the Michigan State Police Metro South Post (12111 Telegraph, Taylor) are sponsoring their second annual community blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, at the State Police post. Donors must be 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in general good health. Complimentary T-shirts will be given to all donors. For more information, call Basham (517-373-0852), Trooper John Sosa (734-287-5000), or Diane Ashburn of the American Red Cross (313-724-0109).
- **Pumpkin Fest Seeks Crafters, Vendors, Entertainers** – The City of Romulus is looking for crafters, vendors, and entertainers interested in participating in its third annual Pumpkin Festival, set for Saturday and Sunday, September 18–19, in downtown Romulus. For more information; to make a monetary or in-kind donation to the festival; or to obtain an application for street space or food vending (deadline: September 10), contact Maria Lambert (734-942-7543). To volunteer your talents for the entertainment portion of the festival, call Ellen Bragg (734-942-9207).
- **Hunter Education Class** – A two-day hunter-education course – sponsored by the Romulus Police Department and hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #9568 – will be held at VFW Hall (39270 Huron River Drive, Romulus) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 11, and Sunday, September 12. This free class is geared toward young hunters, but is open to everyone age 12 or older. Attendance at both classes is mandatory. Lunch will be provided. Application forms – available at the Police Department (11165 Olive) – should be returned as soon as possible, since space is limited. Enrollment will be accepted on a first-come basis. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 8.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The newly formed African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on September 15) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Road Rally** – Since last year's event was such an enormous success, the Romulus Recreation Department will once again sponsor a Road Rally in conjunction with the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival to benefit Romulus Little League and Romulus High School baseball. Set for Saturday, September 18, from 6 to 9 p.m., the Road Rally will begin with an orientation briefing at the Recreation Center, then continue as participating teams (up to six people per vehicle) try to become one of the first three groups to track down a series of clues and win a prize. Registration for the Road Rally will begin August 16 at the Recreation office. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Because space is limited to the first 40 teams to sign up, advance registration is recommended. (As a further incentive, mementoes will be given to the first 150 people who enter.) Deadline for registration is Friday, September 17. For more information, call Keith Brothers at the Romulus Recreation Department (734-942-6852) or Debbie DeMoisey (942-9261).
- **Yard & Craft Sale at Rudgate West** – Rudgate West (located on Ecorse Road between Cogswell and Hannan) will host a Yard & Craft Sale on Saturday, September 25, and Sunday, September 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is welcome.
- **Crafters Wanted!** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is looking for crafters for its annual Applefest Bazaar and Craft Show (set for the first weekend in October). For more information, call the church: 734-753-9048.
- **RHS Alumni Baseball Game** – Former Romulus High School students of all ages are invited to participate in the fifth annual Alumni Baseball Game, set for Saturday, October 16, at 1 p.m. (Home Run Derby will precede the game at 12:30 p.m.). Donation is \$25 per person for the game, with an additional donation of \$5 for the derby. For more information, contact Keith Brothers at the Romulus Recreation Department (734-942-6852).

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St. Al's Festival Schedule

Festival Site

The St. Aloysius Festival will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (11280 Ozga Road, Romulus).

Open Hours

The festival will be open:

- Friday, August 27, from 5 p.m. to midnight,
- Saturday, August 28, from noon to midnight,
- Sunday, August 29, from noon to 9 p.m.

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- The Super Raffle offers a chance for prizes of \$5,000, \$1,000, and \$500 (tickets: \$1 each or six for \$5).

Entertainment

Among the free entertainment scheduled for the festival weekend:

- Channel 6 (Friday, 6 to 11 p.m.),
- DJ-Soundwaves (Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.),
- Counter Clockwise (Saturday, 7 to 11 p.m.),
- Pan Franek & Zosia (Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.),
- Misty Blues (Sunday, 5 to 9 p.m.).

"Sit-down Dinners"

- A fish fry is set for Friday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. (\$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors, or \$3 for kids).
- A spaghetti dinner will be held on Saturday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. (\$5 for adults or \$3 for kids).
- A chicken dinner is set for Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. (\$7 for adults or \$4 for kids).

Other Attractions

Other attractions open throughout the weekend will be:

- Games/Arcade area,
- Crafts/White Elephant area,
- "Hamburger Villa" (serving traditional carnival fare, such as hamburgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, pizza, chips, coffee, and pop),
- Spirit Tent (serving chips, pretzels, pop, and "nonalcoholic beer," in addition to wine, wine coolers, and beer by the pitcher and the cup).

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REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 9, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 9, 1999, was called to order by President Bette M. Lenossi at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all members present. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, was absent (excused). Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, entered the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/99/1 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

8/99/2 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb that the Board approve the Minutes of July 26, 1999 (Regular Meeting), and July 27, 1999 (Study Session). Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATION: Mary Kelley, Director, Special Education.

EMPLOYMENT (information only): Socrates McCraight, Maintenance B, Effective July 27, 1999.

8/99/3 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert to accept the resignation of Mary Kelley, Director of Special Education, with regrets. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

8/99/4 Moved by Lambert supported by Dick to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Resolution for September 27th Election

8/99/5 Moved by Webb supported by Dick that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution calling an election for September 27, 1999. This election will ask for a \$34,165,000 bond issue and a renewal of our operating millage. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Alternate Program for Pregnant Girls

8/99/6 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert that the Board accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and approve the 1999/2000 Alternate Program for Pregnant Girls as per the attached letter and agreement from the Garden City Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MASB Election

8/99/7 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert to select Earl Rickman, Mount Clemens Community Schools, for Director from Group IV (three-year term) and Brad Baltensperger for Director at Large. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Designation of Delegates for MASB

Mr. Kenneth Berlinn, Mrs. Bette Lenossi, and Mr. Billy McCraight were selected as voting delegates for the state convention held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Head Start - Beverly School Update

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, apprised the Board of Education of the status of our Beverly Elementary School. He also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience voiced their concerns as they relate to the operation of the school district.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Finance Committee Minutes; 2) Service-learning Letter - Kathy Hurst; 3) Board Committee List; and 4) 1999 Driver Education Summary.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Billy McCraight asked about a teacher contract. We have scheduled an Executive Session for Monday, August 16, 1999, to discuss teacher negotiations. Mrs. Eva Webb asked Mr. Orme if the teachers would support a bond issue, and Mrs. Debbie Dick asked about changing the meeting time from 7:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8/99/8 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and litigation. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:21 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:05 P.M.

8/99/9 Moved by Woods supported by McCraight that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution.

RESOLVED: That the District's legal counsel shall take those steps that are reasonable and necessary to discontinue the appeal in the matter of Detroit Board of Education vs. Romulus Board of Education.

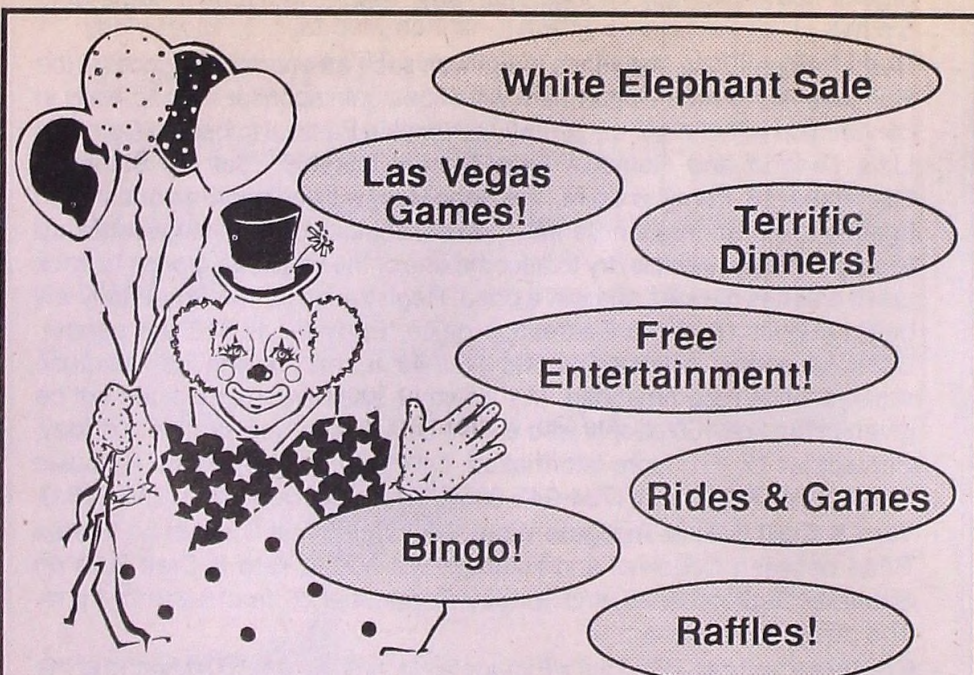
Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/99/10 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education



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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Bake/Rummage Sale

Whispering Willows senior-citizen apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road) will host its annual indoor bake/rummage sale on Friday, October 8, and Saturday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Among the enormous variety of items that will be for sale will be kitchen utensils, pictures, linens, and clothes.

The public is welcome.

Pumpkin Festival Craft Show

Space is still available at no charge to local seniors (age 50 and up) who would like to participate in the Romulus Senior Center's upcoming craft show, to be held Saturday, September 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in conjunction with the City's annual Pumpkin Festival.

Sign up at the Center.

Forum Features Q & A on City, School Election Issues

On Thursday, September 9, the Romulus Senior Center will welcome guest speakers from the City of Romulus and Romulus Community Schools to discuss the various proposals that will appear on the September 27 ballot. This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about issues that are important to us all.

September Luncheon

September's luncheon at the Romulus Senior Center will be an old-fashioned potluck with a new twist: each table of diners will keep their dishes to pass among themselves. (Dishes should be planned to serve 10 to 12 people; couples must bring two dishes.) Anyone who cannot make a dish to share can pay \$3.50 in advance; a dish will be provided for you.

Sign up at the Center.

Crime Watch

Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand at the Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 23, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. As usual, safety tips and other crucial information will be discussed.

New members are always welcome.

Bunko

The Romulus Senior Center has planned bunko games each Tuesday at 1 p.m. beginning September 7. Refreshments will be served.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. (Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
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- **Biloxi & New Orleans**
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- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(November 16; \$21);
- **"Mystery Tour"**
(November 17; \$55); and
- **Radio City Rockettes/Fox Theatre**
(December 10; \$79).

Exercise/Toning

The Senior Center invites you to drop in at any of its free toning/stretching/aerobic exercise classes, which are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations must be made by 2 p.m. the day before. Call 942-6852 during the Center's normal business hours.

Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration (weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required.

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation.

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Obituaries

Harlen Nathaniel "Casey" Clark

Harlen Nathaniel "Casey" Clark of Royal Oak, Michigan, died on Saturday, August 21, 1999. He was 81 years old.

Casey was born in Soldier (Carter County), Kentucky, on July 24, 1918. He began working in the field of country music at the age of 12, playing fiddle on radio station WSAZ in Huntington, West Virginia. During the next 65 years, his devotion to excellence made him one of the finest fiddlers in the genre. But Casey's contributions to country music were not limited to performing; he was also a well-known and respected disc jockey, band leader, and promoter, helping then-budding artists such as "Little" Jimmy Dickens, Jimmy Martin, Skeeter Davis, and Buddy Emmons take their first steps on the road to national fame.

The Detroit area's first exposure to Casey came in 1945, when he became a member of WJR Radio's five-piece "Goodwill Billies" band, along with Jerry Byrd, Ernie Lee, Red Maxedon, and Brownie Reynolds. Later, he went on to become a DJ at the station, doing weekday morning shows (5:05 to 6 a.m.) and afternoon shows (known as "Town and Country") in the mid 1950s.

But most country fans of the '50s era knew Casey best as the host of Casey Clark's Lazy Ranch Boys Barn Dance, held each Saturday night on Detroit's Mack Avenue (and broadcast live on WJR), and as the emcee/band leader of the Casey Clark Jamboree, which aired each Friday on CKLW-TV at 11 p.m.

For the next 40 years, Casey was a fixture of the local country-nightclub scene, usually performing with various members of his family (including his daughter, Evelyn; sons Billy and Mike; and sons-in-law Mickey Kreutzer I and David Atkins), as well as a host of other local musicians. He was also known to take his show on the road, doing extended tours of the Midwest states.

Of all his accomplishments, Casey was probably most proud of his United Service Organization (USO) tours, when he and his band performed for US troops stationed overseas at locations such as Guantanamo Bay (Cuba), Puerto Rico, Panama, South Korea, Okinawa, and Guam.

Casey received numerous awards throughout his lengthy career; among the most noteworthy were the "Michigan Country Music Pioneer" award and the Michigan Community Music Alliance "Legend of Country Music" award. He was also the first living person to be inducted into the Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame.

Through it all, Casey always found

time to indulge his favorite hobbies. The avid sportsman enjoyed both hunting and fishing, and was also a big fan of team sports, particularly professional baseball and college basketball.

Among those surviving Casey are his wife, Mrs. Mary E. (Smith) Clark; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn H. Atkins and Mrs. Danny W. (Carol A.) Cox; seven siblings, Mrs. Lillian Estep, Mrs. Stearle (Zelma) Evans, Mrs. George T. (Ruth) Bradley, Mrs. Esther Shay, Mrs. Bess Gerber, Mrs. Mildred Bays, and Mr. Harold Clark; 12 grandchildren, Miss Kristi N. Stephens, Mr. William C. Clark, Mrs. Kevin M. (Mary F.) Fisher, Mrs. William H. (Melody L.) Duncan IV, Mrs. Burton (Kathleen A.) Kowalewski, Miss Jalaina D. Stephens, Mr. Danny T. (Cary L.) Cox, Mr. Mickey D. (Ann M.) Kreutzer II, Mrs. Steven (Iris L.) Rinaldi, Miss Lisa N. Kreutzer, Mrs. Thomas D. (Michelle R.) Anderson, and Mrs. Michael J. (Sarah E.) Miller; and 26 great-grandchildren, Brandon M. Halcomb, Theodor J. Johnston, Christopher M. Kreutzer, Ronald D. Kreutzer, Alex R. Halcomb, Chantel N. Lazo, Kayla G. Skiver, Britany M. Clark, Mickey D. Kreutzer III, Amanda E. Kreutzer, Joseph R. Stockman, Steven M. Fisher, Travis W. Johnston, Danielle B. Stephens, Briana A. Kreutzer, Samantha R. Kreutzer, Nicholas H. Stockman, Andrew T. Anderson, Jacob T. Miller, Tyler D. Anderson, Joshua T. Kowalewski, Danyelle L. Cox, Steven J. Rinaldi, Natalie K. Duncan, Matthew R. Rinaldi, and Ashleigh F. Miller.

He is also survived by his longtime companion, Ms. Jan Tatarian; her sons, Mr. John Tatarian and Mr. David (Mary) Tatarian; and her grandchildren, Candace Tatarian, Danielle Tatarian, Jonathan Tatarian, and Dominic Tatarian.

Among those who preceded him in death were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John and Sarah A. (Ham) Clark; two sons, Mr. Billy H. Clark and Mr. Michael R. Clark; and six siblings, Mr. Harshel Clark, Mrs. Molly Jo Blevins, Mr. John Allen Clark, Elsie Clark, Clysta Clark, and George Clark.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 3, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 26550 Cherry Hill Road (corner of Cherry Hill and John Daly roads) in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. A second service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 5, at the Wesleyan Church in Soldier, Kentucky. Burial will be in the Clark Family Cemetery in Soldier.

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society. □



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Obituaries

Ronald G. Bishop

Ronald G. Bishop of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, August 12, 1999. He was 58 years old.

Born September 14, 1940, Ronald was a native of Hamler, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Diane K. (Vogelgesang) Bishop; one daughter, Ms. Kristin K. Bishop; three brothers, David, Elmer Jr., and Rick Bishop; and two sisters, Mrs. Donald (Vicki) Gray

and Mrs. Eldon (Rebecca) Sickmiller.

A funeral service was held Monday, August 16, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

Allen F. Block

Allen F. Block of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, August 11, 1999, at the age of 77.

Born April 26, 1922, the Romulus native is survived by a son, Albert (Elaine) Block; a sister, Mrs. Joe (Eileen) Istvan; and two grandsons, Alex and Allen Block. His wife, Millicent (Pyle)

Block, and his brother, Alfie Block, predeceased him.

A funeral service was held Monday, August 16, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Dr. Steven Archer (St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Taylor, MI) officiating. Interment was at West Mound Cemetery (Taylor, MI).

Hazel (Angel) Miller

Hazel (Angel) Miller of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, August 11, 1999. She was 95 years old.

Born February 11, 1904, the native of Williamsburg, Kentucky, was a member of the Department of Michigan Women's Relief Corps, Auxilliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (Rebekkah Lodge) - a branch of the National Women's Relief Corps, founded during the Civil War to aid Union Army soldiers. Five years ago, as the Michigan group's president, Hazel carried our state flag at the national convention, which was held in Lansing, Michigan, that year.

She is survived by four brothers, Carl (Rogers, AK), Charles (Temperance, MI), Robert (Bremerton, WA), and John Angel (Williamsburg, KY); two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Gaylor (King, NC) and Mrs. Lucille Fink (Kansas City, MO); and one niece, Mrs. Kenneth (Judy) Kania (Temperance, MI). Her husband, Thomas S. Miller, predeceased her.

A funeral service was held Saturday, August 14, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery (Belleville, MI).

Eleanor Lovilla (Morstatter) Morgan

Eleanor Lovilla (Morstatter) Morgan of Franklin, Tennessee (formerly of Romulus, MI, and Hattiesburg, MS), died on August 17, 1999. She was 73 years old.

Born in Decatur, Illinois, on October 28, 1925, the retired Romulus Community Schools bus driver was a former member of the Westland Church of the Nazarene (WCN), and most recently attended the 1st Baptist Church of Franklin. Her love of children led her to direct the Children's Church at WCN (where she drove a Sunday School bus, as well), and she also conducted neigh-

borhood Bible Clubs in Romulus and did yearly volunteer work at local Vacation Bible Schools of many denominations. Her other interests included ministering to nursing-home residents and serving as an officer for a local garden club in Mississippi.

Eleanor is survived by three sons, Vernon (Decatur, IL), Steve (Pine Grove, KY), and Mike Morgan (Flat Rock, MI); one daughter, Judy Mahon (Franklin, TN); eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Alex, and one daughter, Lottie.

Eula N. (King) Payne

Eula N. (King) Payne of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, August 13, 1999, at the age of 77.

The native of Auburn, Alabama, was born August 12, 1922.

Among those surviving Eula are her two sons, Leonard and Romney Payne; one daughter, Ms. Pamela Lynn Hammer; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Her husband,

Leonard T. Payne, preceded her in death.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, August 17, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Oak Ridge Cemetery (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Myrtle (Wollenberg) Poet

Myrtle (Wollenberg) Poet of Huron Township, Michigan, died on Sunday, August 1, 1999. She was 96 years old.

Born August 9, 1902, Myrtle lived in her native Romulus until 1972.

She was predeceased by her husband, Vern Poet, and her brother, Walter

Wollenberg.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, August 4, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor C. G. Marion (Daniel Full Gospel Church, Taylor, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Quentin Trent

Quentin Trent of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, August 16, 1999, at the age of 68.

The Ford Motor Company retiree was born on December 10, 1930, in Stanton, Kentucky. He and his wife, Eva M. (Bates) Trent, were married in Detroit, Michigan, on July 10, 1954.

Quentin is survived by his wife; a brother, Kermit Trent (Brockton, MA); and two grandchildren, Jacob M. and Jessica D. Stevens. Another daughter, Linda Stevens, predeceased him.

A funeral service was held Friday, August 20, at Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Marvin Hawbaker officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to Calvary Baptist Church. □

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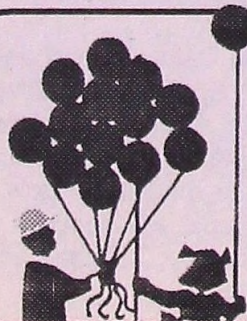
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